

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/769,227

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 5/14/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Search History.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the U.S. Application Ser. No. 10/769,227 filed on January 30, 2004 claims **1-34** are pending in the application.

Examiner's amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CAR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James Namiki on Sept. 14, 2005.

In claim 18, line 1, change "**14**" to – **17** --.

The examiner's amendment has been made in order to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. This office acknowledges receipt of the following items from the Applicant:

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on May 14, 2004.

Information disclosed and listed on PTO 1449 was considered.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

4. Claims **1-34** are allowed.

Hsu et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,690,604), Balamurugan et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,320,795), Blomgren et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,104,642) and Hwang et al. (U.S. Pat. No.

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5,870,331) disclose a register file similar to that of the present application, but fail to teach:

“a device coupled to the dynamic local bit trace to facilitate precharging the dynamic local bit trace to a precharge value and to intelligently hold the precharged value on the dynamic local bit trace during evaluation of the dynamic local bit trace” as claimed in the independent claim **1**, the dependent claims **2-16** are also allowed; or

“a precharge device coupled to the dynamic local bit trace; and a device coupled to the dynamic local bit trace to intelligently hold a precharged value on the dynamic local bit trace” as claimed in the independent claim **17**, the dependent claims **18-19** are also allowed; or

“a first and a second device correspondingly coupled to the first and the second dynamic local bit traces to facilitate precharging the first and the second dynamic local bit traces to a precharge value and to intelligently hold the precharged value on the first and the second dynamic local bit traces during evaluation of the first and the second dynamic local bit traces; and global multiplexing logic coupled to the first and the second dynamic local bit traces to facilitate provision of a data value corresponding to an accessed data cell on an output signal trace” as claimed in the independent claim **20**, the dependent claims **21-27** are also allowed; or

“a first and a second device correspondingly coupled to the first and the second dynamic local bit traces to facilitate precharging the first and the second dynamic local bit traces to a precharge value and to intelligently hold the precharged value on the first and the second dynamic local bit traces during evaluation of the first and the second

dynamic local bit traces; and global multiplexing logic coupled to the first and the second dynamic local bit traces to facilitate provision of a data value corresponding to an accessed data cell on an output signal trace” as claimed in the independent claim 28, the dependent claims 29-34 are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance”.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **ANH PHUNG** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1883**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **RICHARD ELMS**, can be reached on **(571) 272-1869**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(703) 872-9306**.

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